



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blythewood High School

Richland 2

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,903

Principal: G. Keith Price

Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner

Board Chair: Stephen Shellenberg

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	N/A	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	7	11	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	82.9%	88.6%	81.3%	85.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.1%	5.9%	11.1%	8.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.0%	5.5%	7.6%	6.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	96.3%	95.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

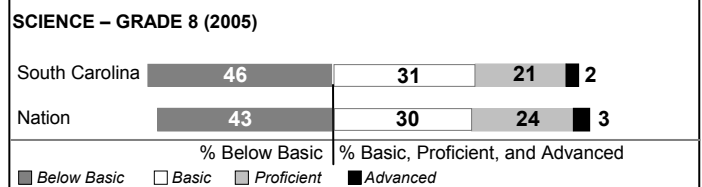
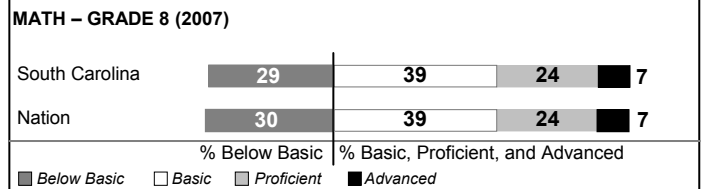
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	393	390
Number of Diplomas	326	300
Rate (%)	83.0%	77.2%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	84.2%	77.3%
English 1	78.0%	71.2%
Physical Science	65.0%	61.6%
All Tests	74.7%	69.9%

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,903)</b>				
Retention rate	3.8%	Down from 4.9%	5.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 97.7%	95.4%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.2%	Up from 10.7%	14.6%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Down from 10.4%	10.1%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	4.2%	Up from 3.8%	1.7%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.4%	Up from 14.1%	19.3%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	68.8%	N/A	64.9%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.0%	Up from 27.3%	33.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Up from 1.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.9%	Down from 7.9%	3.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1087	Up from 929	948	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	86.0%	Up from 82.5%	80.4%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=116)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.0%	Up from 51.0%	58.8%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	51.7%	Down from 60.8%	71.9%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	17.0%	Up from 14.0%	6.0%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	86.7%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 97.6%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$45,572	Up 3.3%	\$46,726	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Up from 0.4%	2.1%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.6 to 1	Down from 28.4 to 1	28.1 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 94.2%	89.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,612	Down 26.2%	\$6,346	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.3%	Up from 51.5%	57.7%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.8%	Up from 55.0%	62.1%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%		92.3%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	124	281	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.2%	67.7%	91.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.7%	78.7%	83.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.7%	79.6%	72.2%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During 2007-08, Blythewood High School (BHS) continued a pattern of growth to an enrollment of 1,863 with a graduating class of 361. Blythewood High continued to focus on the development of smaller learning communities (SLC's) and the house concept. Strategies for expanding SLC's included the establishment of daily advisory period for all students and the expansion of professional learning teams (PLT's) within houses targeting topics of special interest for those SLC's. Blythewood High entered its third year as a partner in a federally funded SLC grant and as a site for an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) grant.

Recognition as a professional development site for the University of South Carolina and as a High School That Works site highlighted new opportunities for Blythewood High faculty and students. Blythewood High School continued its strong performance with the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) and the Algebra End-of-Course Test. Student participation in the Advanced Placement program increased.

Students and staff generated programs and funding for Blythewood High. The Youth Action Council, a district group including BHS students, received a second \$100,000 State Farm Good Neighbor grant, and BHS qualified for second-year funding for a Youth Organized for Disaster Action (Y.O.D.A.) grant through Learn and Serve America. Science students received a Champions of the Environment grant and members of the health science program were recognized as a DHEC All Area Health Team.

A Blythewood High senior received the State Farm National Spirit of Service Award and was recognized at the national conference by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Blythewood students earned recognition for two National Achievement Awards and the top national score in America for the National Spanish Exam. The South Carolina Association of Career and Technical Educators named a Blythewood High teacher as its Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher. The Bengal family includes 24 faculty members who are National Board Certified Teachers.

In co-curricular and extracurricular activities, the Blythewood Marching Band program included the Winter Color Guard State Championship unit, and the Army JROTC program was named a JROTC Honor Unit. The BHS Save Darfur Club was one of the top ten fundraisers nationwide for Darfur relief efforts and earned the opportunity to send representatives to Washington DC this summer. The BHS Student Council received a Gold Award from the South Carolina Association of Student Councils.

In athletics, Blythewood High is home to South Carolina's 3A Boys Track and Field State Champions, 10 region championship teams, a football team with an undefeated season, and South Carolina's Mr. Football.

Keith Price, Principal  
Sherry Kopf, SIC Chairperson

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